

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE**

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Commissioner for Patents:

We received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment on 2/2/2007. In it, there were several items to be corrected in the above-referenced application:

- 1) A signature was missing in the Remarks portion of the Amendment;
- 2) Proper Status identifiers were not attached to the amended claims;
- 3) An excess claims fee in the amount of \$250 was missing.

To correct these deficiencies, a signature has been applied to the Remarks portion of the amendment, and the proper status identifier of "Cancelled" with appropriate strikethrough on claims 5, 6, 12, 14, and 15.

However, because of the cancelled claims there should be no fees owed for excess claims. The amended claims only have six (6) independent claims. These are claims 1, 7, 11,

17, 19, and 21. As shown on the fee sheet, the Applicant already paid for the three extra independent claims in a prior action. (11/15/2006) Further, and because of the cancellation of the specified claims, the total number of claims equals 17 pursuant to MPEP §714.07 where the claims are added after taking into account claims that have been cancelled. As such, there are no fees owing for excess claims.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the application be processed for further examination.

Respectfully Submitted,

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